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1. WHEN ROK AMBASSADOR MOON CALLED ON AMBASSADOR LEONARD JUNE 30 TO REPORT ON CURRENT STATUS OF ATTEMPT BY US CONGRESS TO SUBPOENA ROK OBSERVER OFFICE BANK RECORDS (SEPTTEL), MOON RAISED CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR EVENTUALITY THAT PRO-NORTH KOREAN ITEM MAY BE INSCRIBED IN PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR 32ND UNGA AND HOSTILE DRAFT RESOLUTION TABLED (PARA 7, REFTTEL A). MOON WAS NERVOUS ABOUT GETTING CAUGHT SHORT. LEONARD REEMPHASIZED DANGER THAT ACTIVITY SUCH AS DRAWING UP AND CIRCULATION AT CAPITALS AND AMONG CORE GROUP MEMBERS OF TEXTS FOR FRIENDLY ITEM, EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM AND DRAFT RESOLUTION COULD LEAK TO OTHER SIDE THEREBY STIMULATING SIMILAR FEARS OF GETTING CAUGHT SHORT AND PROVOKING UNHELPFUL REACTION.

2. MOON THEN PROPOSED THAT ONLY HE TOGETHER WITH MINISTER AHN AND COUNSELORS PARK AND LEE OF OBSERVER OFFICE STUDY 1976 PRO-ROK DRAFT RESOLUTION WITH VIEW TO IDENTIFYING SOME POSSIBLY USEFUL WAYS TO UPDATE IT. THESE SUGGESTIONS
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FOR UPDATING COULD THEN BE DISCUSSED MOST CONFIDENTIALLY WITH USUN ALONE; MOON ADDED: "EVEN BEFORE ANY REFERRAL TO SEOUL." MOON HAD ATTENDED ASIA SOCIETY DINNER ON JUNE 29 AND HEARD SECRETARY VANCE'S ADDRESS. MOON FELT THAT PORTIONS OF SECRETARY'S ADDRESS, SUCH AS "WE SUPPORT THE ENTRY OF NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA INTO THE UN WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO ULTIMATE REUNIFICATION;, MIGHT PROVIDE

SOUND BASIS FOR SOME UPDATING OF CONTINGENCY TEXT. MOON
CONSIDERED KIM IL SUNG'S RECENT "LE MONDE" INTERVIEW AS
POSSIBLE HARBINGER OF RENEWED DPRK ACTIVITY AT UNGA.

3. IN LATTER REGARD LEONARD DREW UPON SOME OF THOUGHTS
CONVEYED IN REF B REGARDING "LE MONDE" INTERVIEW.
ADDITIONALLY, LEONARD SAID USUN WOULD REVIEW, ON
AN EXTREMELY CONFIDENTIAL BASIS, CHANGES TO UPDATE
CONTINGENCY RESOLUTION SUGGESTED BY ROK OBSERVER OFFICE.
IN SO DOING, LEONARD HAMMERED DOWN HARD AGAIN ON
NEED TO MAINTAIN TIGHTEST SECURITY ON SUCH ACTIVITY. POINT
ALSO MADE TO MOON THAT USUN, PURSUANT TO DECISION REACHED
BY CORE GROUP ON JUNE 16, HAD REVIEWED TEXT OF 1976 FRIENDLY
DRAFT RESOLUTION AND CONSIDERED IT ONE WHICH COULD STILL
ATTRACT GOOD SUPPORT.
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